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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/588,157	<b>Applicant(s)</b> OHRNELL ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> MATTHEW LAWSON	<b>Art Unit</b> 3775	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Persoons (US 5,683,460) in view of Albrektsson et al. (US 7,156,879).

Regarding claims 1 and 24, Persoons an anchoring element for fixation in a first bone tissue located in the os zygomaticum (*i.e. capable of*) and in a second bone tissue located in the maxilla (*i.e. capable of*), the first and second bone tissues being separated by non-bone tissue, the anchoring element being elongated (figure 3) and comprising an apex (204A, figure 3) and a first fixation portion (see figure below) disposed at the apex, both adapted for fixation in the first bone tissue (figure 3), a basis (203, figure 3), and a second fixation portion (see figure below) disposed at said basis and adapted for fixation in the second bone tissue (figure 3), and an intermediate portion (see figure below) positionable in the non-bone tissue separating the first and second bone tissues (figure 3), wherein both the first and second fixation portions are threaded (205, figure 3) and the intermediate portion has a smooth outer surface (figure 3), wherein valleys of the threads of the first and second fixation portions and the smooth outer surface of the intermediate portion lie on an imaginary surface of a truncated cone (figures 1, 3-4, disclosed in embodiment shown in figure 4 as being

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“conical” 302, figure 4) which converges toward said apex (figure 3), and an attachment means (“recess provided in the head” column 4, lines 4-9) intended for (*i.e. capable of*) a denture or a dental bridge located at the basis of the anchoring element.

Persoons fails to disclose wherein at least one elongated recess is formed in the threads of the first fixation portion adjacent said apex to provide an additional cutting unit, and wherein a recess is formed in threads of the second fixation portion at the intermediate portion, said recess extending transversely to the threads in which it is formed and defines an edge transverse to the threads which provides a groove-forming cutting unit.

Albrektsson et al. disclose an anchoring element wherein at least one elongated recess (17, figures 9-13) is formed in the threads of the first fixation portion (13, figures 9-13) adjacent said apex (12, figures 9-13), and wherein a recess (14, figures 9-12) is formed in threads of the second fixation portion (11, figures 9-13) at the intermediate portion (15, figures 9-13), said recess extending transversely to the threads in which it is formed and defines an edge transverse to the threads which provides a groove-forming cutting unit (16, figures 9-13) both recesses and edge portions provided to permit self-tapping (column 7, lines 7-21).

Accordingly it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have constructed the anchoring element of Persoons' to include recesses at the first and second fixation portions as taught by Albrektsson et al. to permit self-tapping of the anchoring element within the bone.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **MATTHEW LAWSON** whose telephone number is (571)270-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am-5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Barrett can be reached on 571-272-4746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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